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SUBJ: REPORTED SYRIAN/LEBANESE AGREEMENTS

1. SAMIR TRABULSI, A MEMBER OF THE UNION FOR POPULAR LABOR FORCES, CALLED ON EMBOFF JULY 12. (THE UPLF IS GENERALLY BELIEVED TO BE A SYRIAN FRONT ORGANIZATION. ITS HEAD, KAMAL SHATILA, IS NOW VISITING DAMASCUS.) TRABULSI SAID THAT "FRIENDS IN SYRIA" HAD TOLD THE UPLF THAT PRESIDENTS ASAD AND SARKIS HAD AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING AT LATAKIA JUNE 6:

A. THE GOL WOULD EXPEL BOTH EXTREMIST CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM OFFICERS FROM THE LEBANESE ARMY.

B. THE LEBANESE ARMY WOULD SEND UNITS TO SOUTH LEBANON.

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C. THE ADF WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEPLOY ANYWHERE IN LEBANON.

D. BOTH RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST MILITIA WOULD BE DISARMED.

2. THE CHRISTIAN MILITIA HAD STARTED THE RECENT FIGHTING IN EAST BEIRUT WHEN PRESIDENT SARKIS HAD BEGUN TO IMPLEMENT

THE ABOVE PROGRAM. THE SYRIANS HAD POSED NO CONDITIONS FOR ENDING THE CURRENT FIGHTING, HOWEVER.

3. TRABULSI SAID THE UPLF FIRMLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT SARKIS AND HAD TOLD HIM THAT IT STRONGLY HOPED HE WOULD NOT RESIGN.

4. COMMENT: TRABULSI'S REMARKS MAY REFLECT THE SYRIAN VIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED IN LATAKIA. SOME LEBANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SUCH AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, ABDUL RAHMAN SHAYKA, HOWEVER, HAVE MAINTAINED THAT NO FIRM AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS (SEE BEIRUT 3750).

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